

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended): A moving image reproducing apparatus that reproduces a plurality of encoded image signals generated by encoding, for each frequency component, still image signals of respective screens forming a moving image signal, comprising:

a decoder for decoding, in the order of a lower frequency, a plurality of the encoded image signals corresponding to one screen;

a multiplexer for multiplexing with each other a plurality of the decoded image signals decoded by said decoder so as to generate one screen of a decoded still image signal; and

a controller for controlling a decoding amount by said decoder; and

a fetcher for fetching the moving image signal in a real time, wherein said controller controls the decoding amount based on a fetching period of the still image signal forming the moving image signal.

2. (Cancelled):

3. (Currently Amended): A moving image reproducing apparatus according to claim 1 [[2]], wherein said controller limits the decoding amount at a time that the fetching period does not satisfy a predetermined condition.

4. (Original): A moving image reproducing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said controller cancels a limitation of the decoding amount when a specific mode is manually selected.

5. (Previously Presented): A moving image reproducing apparatus, comprising:

- a fetcher for fetching a plurality of still images each of which has a plurality of encoded image components generated by encoding for each frequency component;
- a decoder for decoding, in the order of a lower frequency, the plurality of encoded image components corresponding to a single still image fetched by said fetcher;
- a multiplexer for multiplexing with each other a plurality of decoded image components decoded by said decoder so as to generate a single decoded still image;
- a reproducer for reproducing a moving image based on the decoded still image generated by said multiplexer; and
- a controller for controlling a decoding amount of said decoder based on a fetching period of the still image by said fetcher.

6. (Previously Presented): A moving image reproducing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said controller includes a limiter for limiting the decoding amount at a time that the fetching period fails to satisfy a predetermined condition.

7. (Previously Presented): A moving image reproducing apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising a canceller for canceling a limiting operation of said limiter when a specific mode is manually selected.

8. (Previously Presented): A moving image reproducing method, comprising the steps of:

- (a) fetching a plurality of still images each of which has a plurality of encoded image components generated by encoding for each frequency component;
- (b) decoding, in the order of a lower frequency, the plurality of encoded image components corresponding to a single still image fetched in said step (a);
- (c) multiplexing with each other a plurality of decoded image components decoded in said step (b) so as to generate a single decoded still image;
- (d) reproducing a moving image based on the decoded still image generated in said step (c); and
- (e) controlling a decoding amount in said step (b) based on a fetching period of the still image in said step (a).

9. (New) A moving image reproducing method according to claim 8, wherein said step (e) further comprises limiting the decoding amount at a time that the fetching period does not satisfy a predetermined condition.